

RAILROAD RUMORS.

Outside Papers Believe That V. & T. Is to Change Hands.

The Gazette of yesterday has a big story regarding the transfer of the V. & T. interest to the Western Pacific. Details of the deal are given, but the officials of the V. & T. deny that anything of the kind has taken place and laugh at the report of the Western Pacific taking command of the road.

The railroad rumors spring up about every so often, but here has so far been no change in the management of the V. & T. which is still in the hands of those who have conducted the affairs for years. The only thing that looks like a change of affairs is the extension that is being built up Carson valley.

Carson valley alone could not supply a railroad or one part of it. The splendid grade that has been surveyed up the valley will allow heavy trains to be pulled out of the valley, and it is no idle statement when it is said that one week of work with the V. & T. traction equipment will haul out every pound of produce in the Valley and take in all the supplies for a year. This is a fact, and the road evidently has its business eye on something other than the mere trade of the valley.

It is equally true that the V. & T. people own large timber interests at the head of the valley and with lumber and wood at its present high value the traffic in this product may be the incentive that has caused the setting of rails into Douglas county.

The talk of Masonic and Bodie is all talk at present, and there is not enough in sight to pay the taxes on the railroad, let alone the running of trains. The section is supplied with mule teams, and they do not find a great deal of difficulty in hauling all the goods consumed, nor the bullock out.

With these facts in sight it is either the timber that is taking the V. & T. up the valley or else there is some big railroad project in the wind. Railroad officials do not make public their schemes and the V. & T. people are in the railroad circles. The people still have a guess coming as to the ultimate outcome of the railroad up the valley. The present surveys of the Western Pacific are far North of this valley and of Reno, and if there is anything in the Western Pacific coming this way it is for the Tonopah and southern trade and not for the small fish that are caught in the net along the way. The papers can continue to guess.

Low Barometer.

The barometer at Charley Friends showed a lower mark last evening than at any time during the storm. The rain that started the night before never ceased during the night and kept up its good work all of yesterday. Last night it was raining and with brilliant prospects for an all night storm.

Plenty of Moisture

Al Wedner came down from Silver City last evening and reports plenty of rain and snow in the mining camp. The snow that fell several days ago is pretty well washed off with the rain, which is running down the old shafts in the district and the lower levels of a number of the claims are becoming flooded. As the Silver City people are not in the farming business they are willing to call a halt with the weather man.

A. S. Davis of Adrian, Michigan, is stopping at the Briggs.

The suit of the Nevada State Journal to compel the Reno Chief of Police to allow attaches of that paper to inspect the records of arrests has been argued and submitted to Judge Currier for decision.

A depth of twelve feet of snow has accumulated at Hobart Creek, one of the affluents of the Comstock water supply system.

Miss Florence Hall is recovering from her recent illness although it will be some time yet before she will be able to get out.

Key Pittman, the well known Tonopah attorney, is stopping at the Arlington.

The marriage of Clarence Oddie, the well known Nevada mining man to Miss Alice Treanor of San Francisco took place in that city yesterday.

T. B. Ricky was a departure for Goldfield on yesterday's stub train.

Judge Davis of Dayton was among yesterday's visitors.

VERY ILL.

Little Hope Entertained for Recovery of Ex-Governor Sadler.

EUREKA, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Reinhold Sadler and son, Alfred Sadler, prominent residents of Reno, arrived here last evening and started today by sleigh stage to Ely, ninety miles away, across a country that has been snow-bound for several days. At Ely, in White Pine county Ex-Governor Reinhold Sadler lies seriously ill from exposure sustained while making the identical trip three weeks ago, his life being despaired of.

Governor was one of the organizers of the Silver Party in Nevada, and served two terms as the State's chief executive. He is 58 years old and is a native of Germany. He has accumulated large property interests and is rated as one of the wealthiest men in the State.

THE INNOCENT MAIDS.

They Will Appear in Carson Next Week.

John F. Burke, a comedian of repute, will appear with the Innocent Maids at the Carson Opera House January 24th.

Mr. Burke, whose masterful work in burlesque has made him internationally known, will assume the leading comedy characters with the Innocent Maids. "A Night in Newport," and "The Diamond Palace," are the titles of the prettily costumed burlesques that will be offered.

They will give scope to Mr. Burke and to the large and carefully selected company with which Manager Dinkins has surrounded him, to display their various talents.

Over a score of handsome young ladies comprise the chorus and they are well drilled in the marches, dances and concerted bits in which they take part. Among these numbers are the golf girls, plantation girls, Samoan nubile, chiefs and scullery maids, Salvation army, flower girls and Adonis number. Among the vaudeville acts which will be interspersed throughout the burlesque will be Markie and Moran, laugh makers; Eugene Jerge, illustrated songs; Aleene and Hamilton, singers and dancers; the original Ginger Girls; Deonza and Elliott, comedy acrobats and barrel jumpers, and Lida Dexter, known everywhere as the statuesque blonde.

Buildings Wrecked by Gale.

The Henrichs' house, a three-story wooden building on Howard street, just north of Carson street, was lifted bodily from the ground during the gale at 8 o'clock this morning and in its descent fell against the McAuliffe residence wrecking that structure and injuring Mrs. McAuliffe and her daughter Kate, who were taken to the hospital for treatment by Sheriff Quirk. A horse stabled in the basement of the Henrichs' house belonging to Darwin James, was buried in the debris. Another one-story frame building, known as the Fanning cottage in the same neighborhood, was also wrecked.—Chronicle.

The annual statement of the Sunset Telephone and Telegraph Company says the company made a profit of \$5,636 in Nevada last year.

BLAIR MINE STARTS UP.

Force of Twenty-five Men Put to Work.

The sale of the rich Blair mine at Silver Peak was consummated this week and the first payment made. Twenty-five men were sent to the property yesterday to open it up and arrange for developments on an extensive scale.

M. L. Eminger, who effected the sale, refuses to disclose the names of the purchasers, although they are believed to be Philadelphia and New York capitalists. It is thought that the consideration is in the neighborhood of \$750,000. The property which became famous as the Drinkwater, has been owned by the Blairs for a great many years.—Salt Lake Herald.

Big Cave on Chollar Croppings.

Tuesday afternoon a big cave occurred on the Chollar Croppings, carrying down a cabin, two mine cars, windlass, tools and a lot of lumber. It is not known how far down the debris went, as the ground all around the cave is very soft, and it is dangerous to venture to close. The cave is supposed to have been caused by the rain soaking into the loose ground and displacing the mine timbers.

Will Form New Lodge.

Thirty Masons who are located in Goldfield have presented a petition to the Grand Lodge of the order in Nevada, asking that a dispensation be granted to them and that they be given a charter. A hall has been secured and within a short time the new lodge is expected to be open. There is about 250 Masons in Goldfield and it is believed that the lodge will soon be the largest in the State.

Sheep Smothered.

A Basque sheep man in Elko county sold a band of 500 weathers and in attempting to drive them from the range to a shipping station plied them up in two feet of snow and the entire band smothered.

Will go to Reno.

Miss Ella Small has resigned her position as teacher of the Peavine school and will shortly go to Reno to accept a position in the Palace Dry Goods House.

Dayton Stage Upset by Wind.

The Dayton stage was capsized by the wind on the Divide while on the way here this morning and after being righted blew over again and was partially wrecked. The passengers and driver escaped injury. The horses were detached and brought to the stable and the mail delivered to the postoffice by Henrichs' dairy delivery rig. Bridges along the road between Silver City and Dayton are washed away and the road is now impassable for vehicles—the first time in thirty years.—Chronicle.

The Gem saloon in Elko was entered by thieves Sunday night and \$35 taken from nickel-in-the-slot machines.

A bill to increase to \$30 per month the pension of Uriah D. Barrett of Winnemucca, has been introduced in the U. S. Senate.

BIG LAW SUIT.

Goldfield Mining Men Appear Before Judge Hawley.

The case of John Jones vs. L. L. Patrick et al. involving an eighth interest in the Combination mine at Goldfield was on trial yesterday in the United States Circuit Court before Judge Hawley.

This interest is paying \$4000 dividends a month and is worth at least a quarter of a million dollars.

Mr. Jones claims to be a partner with Patrick in an option in the mine that was taken in Patrick's name. Patrick contends that Jones was simply his agent and that as he did not effect the sale he did not have an interest.

The attorneys for complainant are Haven & Haven of San Francisco and Key Pittman and Curtis H. Lindley is one of the authorities on mining matters. He is the author of Lindley on mines.

The plaintiff is now putting in his proof. January Jones was on the stand at noon.

This option above referred to expired Oct. 26, 1903, and Mr. Patrick had considerable difficulty in convincing capital that he had a big mine.

Veterans Entertain.

Last evening the Spanish War Veterans gave an entertainment to the ladies of the Relief Corps with a number of invited friends. It was a social event in every particular and quite an elaborate program was arranged. Those who attended voted it one of the jolliest events of the season and have decided that the soldier boys know how to make a good time for their friends. The following program was rendered:

Orchestra overture, "America." Miss Gladys Hofer, Recitation, Select. Mr. Geo. Tyrrell, Recitation, "Vagabond."

Miss Lucy Davis, song, "Violets" by Roma.

Dr. von Radesky, song, "Mona."

Orchestra, intermezzo, "La Czarina." Miss Gladys Day, Recitation, "The Dandy Fifth."

Mr. Murray, song, "Yankee Doodle Boy."

Mrs. A. Cohn, Recitation, Select.

Dr. C. von Radesky, violin solo, "Bohemia."

Holds the Record.

It may not be generally known that the summit of the Sierras, west of Reno, has the distinction of registering the highest average snowfalls that are recorded in the entire United States, the average annual fall of snow during the past eighteen years on the summit has been 31.5 feet. At different times this depth has been far exceeded but there are but few winters on record when there has been a greater fall of snow in one storm than has been recorded during the past few days. At present the depth on the summit is 15 feet.—Gazette.

Relief Bills.

Senator Nixon has introduced relief bills for Chris. Deiss and B. Cluney, soloon men of Winnemucca who suffered in the soldiers' riot in 1899. Colored infantrymen on their way to the Philippines wrecked their saloons. Deiss was seriously injured by one of the colored troopers and he now wants Uncle Sam to pay him \$1,000. Cluney escaped injury and wants \$500 for the property destroyed.

Coffin Not Alone.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 18.—At noon yesterday when the full brigade of midshipmen were paraded for the regular dinner formation, Midshipmen Patterson, Barto, Marzoni and W. W. Foster of the first class and Tremore Coffin, Jr., of the third class, were publicly dismissed from the United States navy for hazing plebes or fourth classmen. The order of the secretary of the navy was a short one and in the midshipmen directly concerned.

Western Pacific Machinery.

RENO, Jan. 18.—T. W. Smith, representing an Illinois machine house, is in Reno looking after the delivery of ninety-eight carloads of machinery which has been sold to the Utah Construction Company for use upon the Western Pacific roadway between the Nevada line and Oroville. Sixty-eight cars of the machinery will be taken to Beckwith and the remainder will go to Oroville. The purchase was made three weeks ago, Mr. Smith says, and the delivery will begin at once.

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